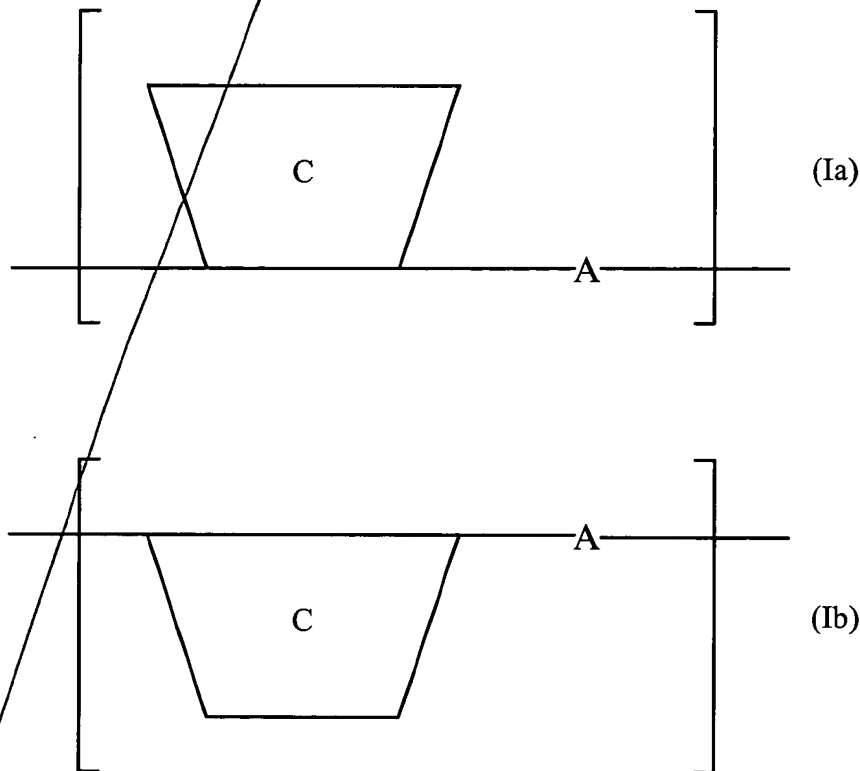


IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend claims 1, 24, 25 as follows:

1. (Amended) A water-soluble, linear cyclodextrin copolymer comprising repeating units of formula Ia, Ib or a combination thereof:



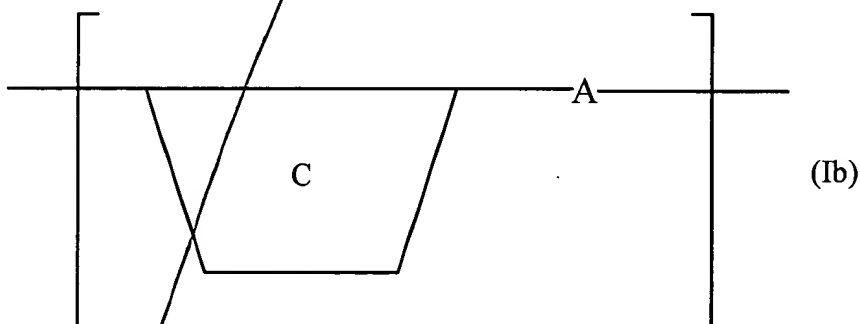
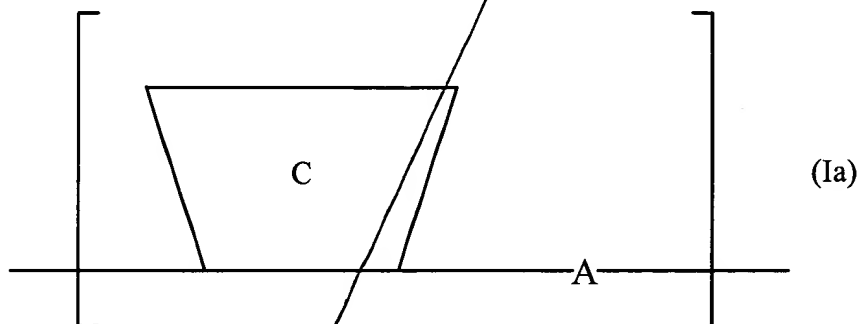
wherein C is a substituted or unsubstituted cyclodextrin monomer and A is a comonomer bound to cyclodextrin C.

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24. (Amended) A method of preparing a water-soluble, linear cyclodextrin copolymer comprising the steps of:

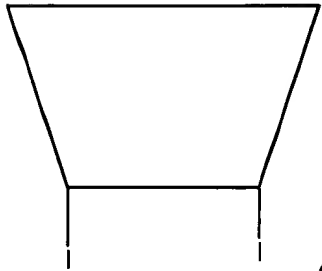
copolymerizing a cyclodextrin monomer precursor, where said cyclodextrin monomer

precursor is disubstituted with the same or different leaving group, with a comonomer A precursor capable of displacing said leaving groups to form a linear cyclodextrin copolymer having repeating units of formula Ia and Ib, or a combination thereof:

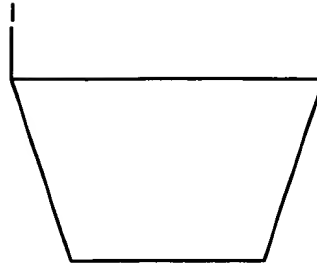


wherein C is a substituted or unsubstituted cyclodextrin monomer and A is a comonomer bound to cyclodextrin C.

25. (Amended) A method of preparing a water-soluble, linear cyclodextrin copolymer of claim 24, wherein said disubstituted cyclodextrin monomer precursor is a diiodinated cyclodextrin monomer precursor of formula IVa, IVb, IVc or a mixture thereof:

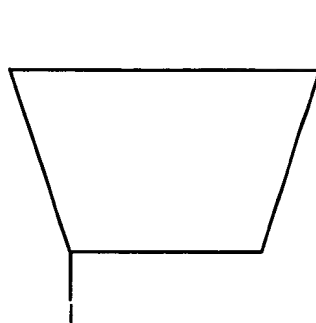


(IVa)



(IVb)

and



(IVc)

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